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SUBJECT: GRANDES CONFERENCES CATHOLIQUES

1. HONORARY BOARD OF "GRANDES CONFERENCES CATHOLIQUES"
(STRUYE, HARMEL, VAN ZEELAND, WIGNY" ETC.) PREDOMINANTLY
SOCIAL CHRISTIAN. ACTUAL BOARD, MOSTLY LAWYERS, BUT INCLUDING
SECRETARY OF ACADEMY GEORGES SION, ARE NOT POLITICAL FIGURES,
BUT PROBABLY OF PSC AND /LIBERAL PERSUASION.

2. SPEAKERS REPRESENT BROAD RANGE AND CLEARLY NOT SELECTED
WITH IDEOLOGY AS DOMINANT CONSIDERATION. OVER PAST YEARS THEY
HAVE INCLUDED SIMONET, SPAAK, GARAUDY, MITTERAND, FRANCOISE
GIROUD, SOAMES, HAROLD NICHOLSON, LADY BARBARA WARD, AND
LADY FLEMING. USUALLY, ONE PROGRAM/PER SEASON DEALS
WITH THEOLOGICAL TOPIC AND INVOLVES A CARDINAL, OFTEN WITH
PARTICIPATION OF PROTESTANT AND JEWISH CLERGYMEN.

3. THERE ARE NO FORMAL TIES WITH SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY.
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